non-commercial energy, energy use is expected to further increase in India with substantial on fossil fuels including coal.

(e) The programmes under new and renewable energy sources include: power generation through wind, small hydro, biomass and solar energy; socially oriented programmes to meet rural energy demand such as the National Project on Biogas Development (NPBD) and the Integrated Rural Energy Progamme (IREP); solar energy programmes for applications like lighting, water heating, cooking and water pumping and research and development covering ocean energy, photovoltaic, hydrogen energy, fuel cells, and alternate fuels for surface transport.

**Irregularities in Environmental Protection Training and Research institute**

636. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has come across various irregularities between 2001-04, as has been observed by the CAG, with regard to Environmental Protection Training and Research Institute;

(b) if so, the details of irregularities identified by the CAG; and

(c) what action his Ministry has taken on the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. The Institute is an autonomous organization under the administrative control of the Government of Andhra Pradesh. This Ministry provides fund to the Institute only on project basis.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Shutting down of wheat based industries**

† 637. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that several wheat and flour based industries

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

including biscuit industries have been adversely affected due to wheat becoming costlier;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some small scale industries have been shut down due to this; and

(c) the steps being taken to address these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) There is no information about wheat and flour based industries including biscuit and small scale industries having shut down due to increase in wheat prices.

**Setting up of a food safety and standard authority**

638. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up the Food Safety and Standard Authority to oversee the entire food manufacturing and processing sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is being ensured to check food adulteration;

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government to create standards and guidelines on food;

(e) whether food items imported into the country are being monitored and approved by the above authority before entry; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (f) Government has introduced "Food Safety and Standards Bill, 2005" in Lok Sabha on 25.8.2005. The Bill *inter-alia* provides for establishment of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India for laying down science based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import, to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption. One of the functions envisaged